മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: പഴയ ഗവൺമെന്റിന്റെ സ്ഥിതി മാറി ഒരു ജനകീയ ഗവൺമെന്റിന്റെ ഭരണമല്ലേ ഇപ്പോഴുള്ളത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള റിപ്പോർട്ടുകൾ പ്രസ്താവിക്കുന്ന പതിവ് ഒരു ഗവൺമെന്റിനുമില്ല. എല്ലാ ഗവൺമെന്റായാലും ചില Policy-യെല്ലാമുണ്ട്. ഗവൺമെന്റ് മാറി എന്നു വിചാരിച്ചു മുമ്പു ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതിനെല്ലാം വിപരീതമായി പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നതായാൽ അതു ചില കാര്യങ്ങളിൽ അരാജകമാകും.

PROHIBITION—INTRODUCTION OF

98. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the policy of the Government regarding the introduction of Prohibition in Cochin;

(*b*) within what time do the ministry hope to make Cochin "dry"?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):*

(*a*) To introduce Prohibition.

(*b*) A Committee has been appointed to advise Government on the question of introduction of prohibition. The Committee's report is awaited.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May, I know, Sir, whether the Committee have begun to function?

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Not yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know what are the difficulties for the Committee to start functioning. The period of reference is only two months?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* Five members of the Committee are sitting in this Council now including the Chief Secretary to the Government, and after this Council we will immediately start the work.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* May I know whether the Permit System will be introduced in this State?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* The whole thing is before the Committee. That is all what I can say.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* May I know, whether this Government knows that the system of issuing permits is in vogue in the Madras Province and elsewhere in India?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I am sorry, I haven't got any information.

SUPPLY OF BOOKS AND CLOTHES TO DEPRESSED CLASS STUDENTS

99. **Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan** *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the supply of books and clothes to Depressed Class students is entrusted to a non-Cochinite;

(*b*) why there was so much delay in supplying books and clothes to Depressed Class students this year?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):*

(*a*) Only the supply of books and stationery articles are given on tendered contract. The Contractor was born in Cochin and he owns land in the State. He is now residing in "Malabar".

(*b*) With regard to the supply of books there has been no undue delay. But there is difficulty to get certain books in time and in sufficient quantities. Cloth is generally supplied only after Kanni. Arrangements are almost complete to commence the supply.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, why in the last portion of the answer it is stated "cloth is generally supplied only after Kanni"? Is that the policy, the written unbreakable law of the Government of the day? The schools open in Edavam and Kanni is many months this side.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):* The budget provision will be in the budget for next year.....

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